

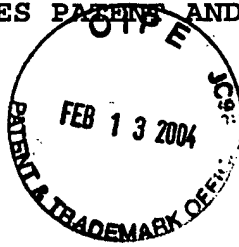
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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FOR PRODUCING ANIMALS INVOLVING THE SAME

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A check for the statutory fee of \$475.00<sup>1/</sup> is attached. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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